

Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claim 7 is objected to and Claims 1-6 and 8-11 stand rejected. Claims 1, 7, and 8 are hereby amended and claims 6 and 11 are hereby canceled.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement with the requisite fee is hereby submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 6 because of an informality. Claim 6 has been cancelled rendering the objection moot.

Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tajima, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,604,266). The Examiner asserts that Tajima discloses in figure 8 an oscillator circuit comprising the elements of claims 1, 3, 8, 10 and 11. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 6 and 7 without introducing unnecessary elements of the intervening claims. Claim 6 has been canceled and claim 7 has been amended. Since Tajima fails to disclose a stripline resonator having a looped structure, the rejection of claim 1, and those that depend therefrom, namely 2-5, is respectfully overcome.

Claim 8 has been amended to clarify that the resonator is of a looped strip line structure. Claim eight is patently distinct from Tajima, since Tajima does not teach nor suggest the step of machining of the load impedance. In contradistinction, Tajima only teaches machining of masses of deposits which are formed over a piezoelectric substrate. Furthermore, as discussed

above, Tajima does not teach nor suggest a strip line resonator having a looped structure. Claim 8 is therefore patentably distinct from the Tajima et al. reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully knowledge the Examiners indication of allowable subject matter in claim 7. As discussed above, applicants have amended claim 1 to include those allowable elements of claim 7 and the supporting elements from claim 6. Claim 7 has been amended accordingly to remove those elements.

Amendments to the Specification

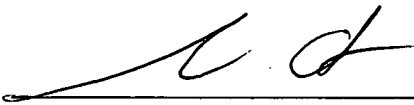
In the specification, pages 4, and 5 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. These amendments are made to make reference to the load impedance 102 consistent with terminology used elsewhere in the specification on page 4. The Abstract on page 9 has also been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter is added.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons and in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully contend that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration and allowance of the claims, and issuance of a Patent for the subject invention. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 501581.

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